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Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Does the hon. the Home Member think that the Superintendent is justified in his action if the facts are as stated in the question ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " The Superintendent is justified."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether he thinks that he should justify the Superintendent even before he had learnt whether the employee had to his credit two years' leave or not ? "

Mr. P. BAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" Is it not possible for the Government to be aware of these things if they are really interested ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " That does not affect the question."

Police

Oriyas as gazetted officers in the Police Department.

* 470 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Oriyas serving as gazetted officers in the Police Department ;

(b) if there are no Oriya officers the reasons for the same ;

(c) the number of Oriya candidates who appeared for the selection of Deputy Superintendents of Police ; and

(d) the number of Oriyas now serving as Circle Inspectors of Police ?

A.—(a) None.

(b) A report on the subject will be called for.

(c)—

1925	One
1926	Two
1927	Nil.

(d) Eleven.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" With reference to (b), may I know whether the Government will be pleased to place the report on the table of this House and with reference to (d), whether they will be prepared to consider the claims of the existing members who are serving as Circle Inspectors ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " When the report reaches the Government the suggestion will be considered."

Alleged treatment of the accused under trial in the Trichinopoly Railway strike case.

* 471 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a communication from Mr. N. S Ramaswami Ayyangar protesting against the treatment alleged to have been accorded to the accused under trial in the Trichinopoly Railway strike conspiracy case ;

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(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) be in the affirmative, whether the Government have enquired into the truth of the allegations contained in the letter;

(*c*) the steps taken by the Government in the matter, after the receipt of the communication from Mr. N. S. Ramaswami Ayyangar;

(*d*) whether the Government consider the advisability of taking immediate steps to prevent ill-treatment by the Police of under-trial prisoners; and

(*e*) whether the Government will place on the table a correct statement as to the alleged treatment of the under-trial accused referred to in Mr. N. S. Ramaswami Ayyangar's letter?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have called for a report from the District Magistrate, Trichinopoly.

(*d*) & (*e*) The Government await the District Magistrate's report.

Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar:—"With reference to clause (*d*), the answer given is no answer at all. May I ask the hon. the Home Member whether Government would place the information on the table when they get it?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"We have called for the information. When the Government receive the information, the suggestion will be considered"

Alleged firing at Tuticorin and at Trichinopoly during the South Indian Railway strike.

*472 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the circumstances under which a policeman resorted to firing at Tuticorin on his own authority during the Railway strike;

(*b*) the causes of the police firing later at Tuticorin;

(*c*) the causes of the police attacking and firing on an innocent crowd near a railway crossing in Trichinopoly during an accident between a train and a bus during the strike; and

(*d*) the occasions and the causes generally for police firing in several parts of the Province during the recent Railway strike?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Criminal cases arising out of these incidents are still before the Courts The Government can make no pronouncement till these have been disposed of.

(*d*) Unless the names of places where firing is alleged to have taken place are given, it is not possible to answer this question.

Mr. S. Satyamurti:—"May I know, with reference to clauses (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*), what are the criminal cases arising out of these incidents that I have mentioned, namely, police firing at Tuticorin and the police firing at Trichinopoly railway crossing which are pending? No cases are pending to the best of my knowledge?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"We have called for reports from the District Magistrates and they show that certain cases are before the courts of law."